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**FOR:** DETECTION OF MICROSATELLITE INSTABILITY AND ITS USE IN  
DIAGNOSIS OF TUMORS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to an Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims.

**AMENDMENT**

Please replace claim 22 with the following claim:

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22. The method of claim 16, wherein the set of at least three microsatellite loci is a set of at least nine microsatellite loci, comprising: BAT-25, Bat-26, MONO-15, D1S5118, D3S2432, D7S1808, D7S3070, D7S3046, and D10S1426.